GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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MODERNISATION OF NTC MILS
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Textile Mills controlled by the National Textile Corporation at present, State-wise;

(b) the number of textile mills out of the total mills referred to BIFR;

(c) whether there is any proposal of the Government to modernize the viable mills;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the scheme chalked out and implemented by the Government for rehabilitation of the workers of unviable mills;

(f) whether there is any proposal to revive the unviable mills to increase the Government's share in the garment export; and (g) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA)

(a) to (g) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to part (a) to (g) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 283 for 12.08.2005.

(a): At present, there are 52 textile mills under the National Textile Corporation. State-wise break up is as under:-

State	Number of Mills	State	Number of Mills	State	Number of Mills
Assam	01	Kerala	05	Mahe (Pondicherry)	01
Andhra Pr.	02	Madhya Pradesh	02	Rajasthan	03
Bihar	01	Maharashtra	17	Tamil Nadu	08
Gujarat	02	Orissa	01	Uttar Pradesh	02
Karnataka	02	Punjab	02	West Bengal	03

(b): All these mills have been referred to BIFR.

(c) & (d): 22 potentially viable mills have been identified for modernization in the 1st phase. An amount of Rs. 483.1 Crore has been estimated for investment on new machinery, renovation and margin money for modernization of these 22 mills.

(e): The Government has offered a liberal Voluntary Retirement Scheme to the workers affected by the closure of unviable mills of NTC. An amount of Rs.1608 Crore has been spent so far for making ex gratia payment to 46, 079 employees of NTC, who opted for VRS. Besides, Department of Public Enterprises has formulated a Scheme for counseling, re-training and re-deployment (CRR) of employees of public sector and NTC employees are exposed to such CRR programmes.

(f) & (g) : No Sir. The mills closed as per the Rehabilitation Scheme approved by BIFR, were found to be unviable as per the techno economic viability studies and were chronic loss-making units. Besides, NTC does not undertake production or export of garments.